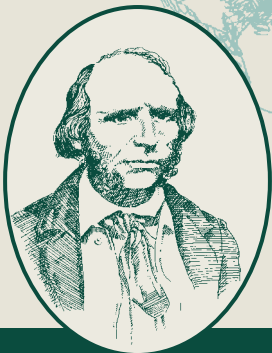


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*Peter Lassen*

Over half of the forty-niners traveled this route to California, mistakenly believing it to be a shortcut to the gold fields.

Today visitors have the unique opportunity to experience the canyon trail just as the emigrants did over one hundred and fifty years ago. Please help us preserve this trace of our heritage for future generations.



## The Lassen-Applegate Trail

*"On both sides, the mountain showed often stupendous and curious looking rocks, which at several places so narrowed the valley, that scarcely a pass was left for the camp. It was a singular place to travel through, shut up in the earth, a sort of chasm, the little strip of grass under our feet, and the narrow strip of sky above. The grass was abundant and we encamped in high spirits . . ."*

On the last day of 1843, Kit Carson and Captain John C. Fremont recorded this first view of High Rock Canyon by people of European descent. In 1846 the Applegate brothers retraced those first steps into Oregon country. Peter Lassen followed in 1848.



*Because travel in High Rock Canyon can be extremely hazardous in places, a high-clearance, 4-wheel-drive vehicle is recommended. Please use only designated roads and campsites. Although a ranger patrols the area regularly, there are no services.*